

INCH AND BAVARIANS USE SPRING IN COMMON

Truce Is Made, Which Later Develops Into Sort of Friendship.

EN TAKE COFFEE TOGETHER
Prussians—Sergeant Maginot Awarded Medal for Bravery in Landing ON Attack of Germans.

RIS, December 26.—An aviator has just returned from a part of front where the French are or were used by Bavarian troops, tells of extraordinary sort of entente over spring between the lines.

is the only spring of fresh water in the neighborhood. At first by tacit truce French and Bavarians drew water at different hours without meeting one another. Gradually they became more friendly, chose the same time, exchanged the time of day and used one another tobacco. They even drank coffee together sometimes. All the while the Germans regularly destroyed fence work which the French regularly reconstructed day by day, and French destroyed a redoubt which Germans as often rebuilt.

One day two German officers, unaided, left the trenches, and held up their hands. They were met by two French officers, to whom they proposed each side should leave the other unmolested. The French, for it was hard to go on indefinitely destroying same construction.

One," said the Frenchmen. "Before separating, the officers exchanged newspapers, and one of the Germans said: "Our time is up. We do not know what troops will take place, but if they are Prussians I do not trust them." "Tie the hands," he added, "if they are Prussians, will let you know by attacking bits of white paper on the barbed wire along our trenches."

Sergeant Maginot, who is an ex-Secretary of State, deputy for the Duc, and one of the tallest men in France—he stands over six feet, six inches—was recently awarded the military medal for conspicuous bravery. He is now lying in hospital at Verdun, gradually recovering from his severe wounds.

Maginot, who knows every inch of the front, commanded a section of the front. On November 8, he reconnoitered a wood with a party less than a score of men, he was pushed by an outpost of German infantrymen, who opened fire, killing one of the scouts, Sergeant Maginot. He is a fine shot, sought to cover the retreat of his men. An the Germans advanced he fired, and two dropped. Immediately afterwards he himself was hit by a bullet, which shattered his bone. He fell, but picked himself up again, fired his remaining three shots, and managed to retreat to fifty yards under a hail of bullets. Here a sound shot took effect. Time in the knee-cap of the other. Still he struggled on, and finally shed a rock, behind which the survivors of his little band had taken refuge.

It was then 8 o'clock in the morning, and for the whole of that day the Germans vainly strove to surround the French. Four or five men got within forty or fifty yards, but as often they had to retire. A case of a French soldier, Sergeant Maginot and his men in this way held out until dark, when they were able to crawl towards the French lines. Men attempted to carry the wounded sergeant by using their rifles as stretchers, but his gigantic bulk was too much for them, and at last had to drag him along by hands. Despite the agony he was enduring, Maginot did not lose consciousness, and when help arrived and the Germans were once more pursuing, he continued to give his orders. The little party of eighteen, five

What Flowers Do for Weary Brains

The eyes and the brain of the busy man, follow what kind of work he follows, become weary and need rest, just the same as any other part of the human body.

Nothing has been found in the wide world that will give weary eyes and a tired brain more immediate rest than a few moments gazing on a pretty bed of bright colored flowers. The contrast is so great from that which has occupied the organs until they were well nigh exhausted, and the effect is simply marvellous.

Flowers in the home divert the mind and rest the weary eyes of the housewife and mother. A bouquet in the sick room aids in keeping the mind off the disease, and often starts the brain on a new channel of thought that puts the patient on the road to recovery.

Flowers in the office, or on the desk of the weary clerk or stenographer, will produce such a telling effect that by actual comparison more work is accomplished by those whose eyes and brains are rested by the presence of those gifts from nature.

Artists visit the parks and gardens to study the flowers, and the orators are wonderfully toned up by the refreshing glimpses of the colors in nature, and no artist has ever been successful who does not study colors in the beautiful flowers.

It will pay any student, or anyone deeply engrossed in thought, to have a pot of bright flowers on the desk.—From Sunday American, September 14.

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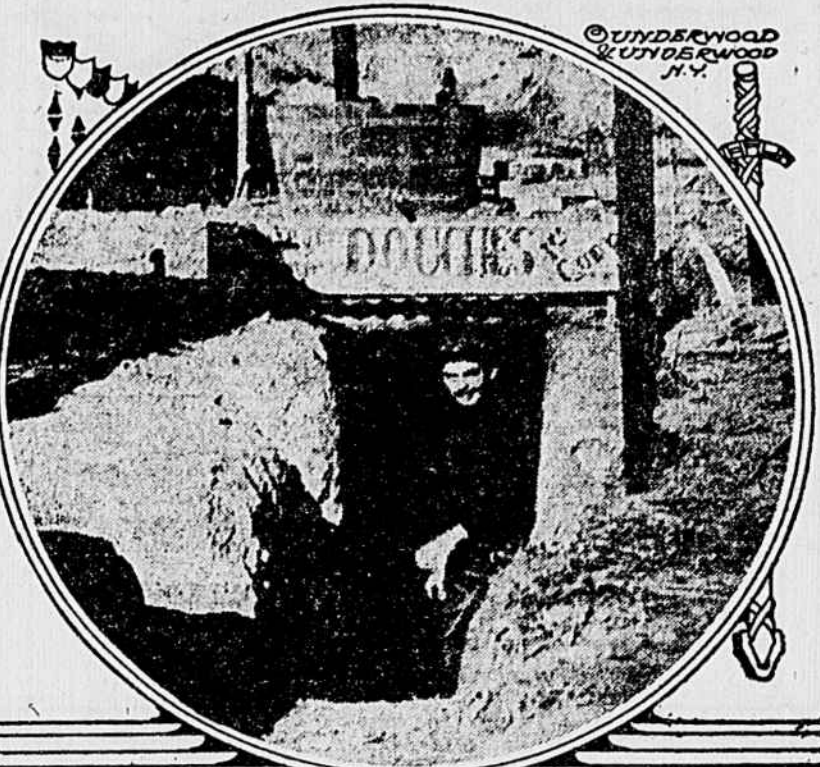
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How French Soldiers Keep Clean



A Bathroom in the French Trenches

To keep an army of men bodily clean is one of the herculean tasks which all the warring forces must combat. The photograph shows a bathroom in the trenches north of Soisson, only 100 yards away from the German lines, where the men can enjoy their accustomed ablutions.

were killed and seven wounded. The Germans did not make a single prisoner. The above story is told by Sergeant L., who was one of the party.

Booth—Millet.

BOSTON, MASS., December 26.—The wedding of Miss Hilda Millet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah B. Millet, and Lieutenant William Harris Booth, U. S. N., son of Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Booth, of Williamsburg, Va., took place on Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, 146 Brattle Street, Cambridge. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Charles E. Park, pastor of the First Church in Boston.

The bride's only attendant was her younger sister, Miss Elizabeth Millet, while Lieutenant Booth's best man was Lieutenant Jacob Lawton Hydrick, U. S. N., who is now stationed at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Lieutenant Booth graduated from the Annapolis Naval Academy with the class of 1906, and for the past two

years has been stationed at the Charleston, S. C., Navy Yard. He will be in the Asiatic service for the next three years. Lieutenant and Mrs. Booth left for San Francisco, although they are planning to stay a short time in Washington and in Piedmont, Ca., before sailing for Manila.

Sink—Byrd.

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 26.—Miss Dora F. Byrd and Jesse R. Sink, both of Roanoke, were married in the parlors of the Hotel Carroll on Christmas Day, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. P. Page, of Franklin Street Baptist Church.

White—Hogan.

LYNCHBURG, VA., December 26.—Jerry C. White and Miss Annie Belle Hogan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hogan, all of Lynchburg, were married on Wednesday evening at the parsonage of Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Oscar E. Sams.

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Monday

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The new Spring Hats are beginning to fill our showrooms and we find it necessary to make radical reductions on splendid hats—every one of high character. Every style imaginable—dress hats, afternoon and tailored hats.

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A New Showing of Spring Hats

See the newest ideas as first brought out by famous designers. These Hats can be worn now and way into the spring season—they are so distinctively "different."



\$5, \$7.50, \$10

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Our Shoe Department
Announces Special Clean-Up Sales of
Odds and Ends of
Women's, Men's and Children's
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Lots on sale will include:

Popular "Comfy's" and fur trimmed Slippers for women, Now 98c, instead of \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Also, Felt and Leather Slippers, in opera, Everett and "Romeo" styles, for men, Now \$1.50 and \$2.00, instead of \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

A splendid opportunity to correct "mistakes" that may have been made in Xmas giving. Second Floor.

ACCURACY OF GERMAN SHELLING IS FIENDISH

British Officer Describes Teuton Marksmanship as Nothing Short of Wonderful.

KEPT PRISONER IN TRENCH

For Hours He Dare Not Move Lest He Be Target for Enemy's Guns. Soldiers Now in Midst of Most Horrible Winter Weather.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)
LONDON, December 26.—A British officer tells how he was kept for sev-

eral hours prisoner in his own trench by a German Maxim in the following letter home:

"We are now in the midst of winter, with the most horrible weather you can imagine. It is snowing hard, and the roads and paths are knee-deep in mud and water. A few nights ago in taking up a position, we had to wade along a road which was marked in the map as a river. Suddenly the Germans managed to find out we were on the road and started giving us shrapnel."

"They really are wonderful, and the accuracy of their shelling is fiendish. Their first shell killed two poor fellows and wounded a number more. A few days ago we had rather an unpleasant experience in our dugout, which was a covered-in trench."

"I suppose they spotted orderlies coming and going, but anyway they trained a Maxim on the entrance and kept us prisoners all day without any food. Every half hour or so they rat-

tled a few shots at us, which fixed over our roof, scattering the earth and landing in the ditch forming the entrance."

"My first-aid post was very badly shelled a few weeks ago, and I lost six of my stretcher bearers. We were sitting in a room when suddenly we heard the whistle of the shell, followed by an awful explosion. The whole wall forming the side of the room fell in on top of us. Three were killed and three were seriously injured, while I got off with just a slight concussion and a twenty-four hours' headache."

"Fortunately I had got my wounded away about half an hour before, and there were only about two-thirds of my party with me, or there would have been a more serious casualty list."

"Yesterday, the Germans had a couple of Zeppelins and an aeroplane over us, and they shelled the trenches on our right like hives with high explosive-like bombs and Krupp's. They really had a bad time, and I wonder when

ours is coming. Our artillery was quite unable to cope with the weight of guns they had up against us. Their snipers are deadly, too, and as soon as a man moves by daylight he gets shot. "All my business has to be done by night, which is the only time it is safe to move. It is not safe then, of course, but still things are more hopeful. But the cold nights are very trying, and how to get wet feet warm is an unsolved problem."

False Alarm of Fire.

An employee of the Purity Ice Cream Company, Adams and Cary Streets, yesterday afternoon saw a fire in the vicinity of a wall of the building and telephoned the Fire Department, asking that apparatus be sent to the factory. When the apparatus arrived it was learned that the fire had been built by other employees of the factory in an effort to thaw out frozen water pipes.

Miller & Rhoads



A Sale Extraordinary of Women's and Misses' Suits! Coats! Dresses!

We started out this season with the determination of surpassing our own past records for completeness and variety in the Suit and Garment Store. And WE DID!

But the season has been a backward one, and has retarded the buying to a great extent. Of course, no goods can be carried over to another season; and so, because of an unusually heavy stock, comes this sharp reduction of prices on the season's most desirable garments, right at the beginning of winter.

This is a rare money-saving opportunity; you should take advantage of it Monday!

Women's and Misses' Suits

Values Up to \$29.50,
Special at

\$12.50

A lot of 75 new Winter Suits, comprising garments that were formerly priced as high as \$25.00—a few were marked to sell at \$29.50.

Styles are the newest, in both plain-tailored and trimmed; materials are of the season's most popular fabrics; in practically all of the swartest colors and blacks.

Your choice of any Suit in the lot..... \$12.50

Women's and Misses' Coats

Values Up to \$25.00,
Special at

\$12.00

The lot embraces COATS that sold before the holidays at from \$15.00 to \$25.00. The styles and colors are the latest and best of the great MILLER & RHOADS stock; materials are the most fashionable, including Corduroy, Broadcloth and Fancy Mixtures; all are lined with Skinner Satin.

Your choice of a large variety of styles and materials \$12.00

Women's and Misses' Dresses

Very Exceptional Values,
Special at

\$10.00

A most unusual offering of smart Dresses for street and afternoon wear.

A variety of clever styles in the season's most popular materials, including Crepe, Satin, Messaline, Serge, etc., daintily trimmed with braid, buttons and ornaments.

Wide range of colors and styles to select from. Choice of the lot..... \$10.00

A Great Clearance Sale of FURS

From 10%

to 50% Off

Make your selection now of any Fur Set, separate Muff or Scarf in the great MILLER & RHOADS Fur Store—and pay from 10 to 50 per cent less than you would have paid last week.

As we make this announcement, the assortment of styles, shapes and colors is very complete. It is advisable, however, to MAKE SELECTIONS EARLY, as this generous reduction will surely and quickly reduce the stock to a minimum.

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Women's Separate Skirts

Two Very Special Lots

\$3.98 & \$5

To quickly reduce our unusually large stock of Women's Separate Skirts, we have made generous reductions on two special lots.

A wide variety of materials, styles and colors; practically all sizes.

Many exceptional values in both lots, at \$3.98 and \$5.00.

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Dainty Evening Dresses

At Greatly Reduced Prices

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